(d) All such loans, disbursed under IRDP, which fulfil the criteria prescribed by Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation are also eligible for being covered under the credit guarantee scheme of the Corporation.

Export and Import of Cotton

2435. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO:

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of cotton exported during the last two years and to which countries; and

(b) what was the quantum of cotton imported during the last two years and from which countries and the rate at which the cotton was imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The quantity of cotton exported during 1983-84 and 1984-85 cotton seasons are as under:—

1983-84 = 3.54 lakh bales
1984-85 = 1.29 lakh bales (Upto June, 1985)

Some of the countries to which Indian cotton was exported are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea, Malayasia, Morocco, Nepal, Philippines; Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand and USSR.

(b) No cotton was imported during 1983-84 cotton season. However, during current cotton season i.e. 1984-85 it has been decided by Government to import one lakh bales of medium staple cotton to augment the availability of this variety of cotton to meet the domestic requirements. The country/countries from where cotton will be imported will depend upon the availability of cotton suitable to our requirements, prices etc.

Production of cloth by NTC for common people

2436. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes of National Textile Corporation to produce standard cloth for the common people during the coming years;

(b) what was the quantity of standard cloth produced by the National Textile Corporation and subsidiary units during the last two years; and

(c) what was the price at which it was sold to the consumers and of what variety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The target for production of controlled cloth by National Textile Corporation (NTC) during 1985-86 is 260 million sq. mtrs. of cotton controlled cloth and 8 million mtrs. of polyster cotton blended controlled cloth. As per the Textile Policy, the responsibility for the entire production of controlled cloth shall be transferred to the Handloom Sector by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan. Accordingly, the production plans of NTC would be phased down from the present level.

(b) During 1983-84, the production of controlled cloth by NTC was 294.99 million sq. mtrs. of cotton controlled cloth and 8 million mtrs. of polyester cotton blended controlled cloth. During 1984-85, the corresponding production was 245.73 million sq. mtrs. and 7 million mtrs. respectively.